

Senate in time for passage before Adjournment

Washington, D. C., July 6—When Senator Sutherland of Utah announced in the senate today that he would speak on the initiative, referendum and recall, as found in the Arizona constitution on Tuesday next, it developed that the statehood resolution had not been reported to the senate yet.

Senator Bristow asked Nelson if he knew when the resolution would be reported and Nelson replied that he was only one of the minority on the committee and knew nothing about it. Chairman Smith was not present, not having returned from Michigan yet, and at his office it was announced no one knew when he would return.

Senator Shively volunteered the information to the senate that on June 24th, the senate territories committee had by a majority vote instructed Chairman Smith to report the Flood resolution favorably to the senate and he was surprised that it had not been done. That closed the matter as far as the senate discussion was concerned, but there is no doubt that it came as a surprise to most of the senators, who will watch it more closely in the future. In an interview later Senator Bristow said he did not believe a vote on the Flood resolution would really be prevented in the senate and he felt sure it would pass if voted on. He declared further that there were interests opposing the admission of both Arizona and New Mexico, who were not concerned in political phases of the situation, that is, he did not believe it was being done for republican political advantage, although he admitted there was strong opposition to admitting either territory. He said so far as he could recall, never before had the committee chairman refused to do as instructed by the vote of the committee as in this case, and he did not believe Smith would fail to report the resolution as soon as he returned. Asked if a majority of the committee, having voted in favor of the resolution, could not introduce the bill into the senate over the chairman's head, he said it probably could be done although he had never heard of such an action. When told that Smith had not even written the report to the senate yet, which will have to be printed by the time the resolution is presented, and that it was announced at his office that the date of his return was unknown, he seemed very much concerned,

and although he did not express himself, gave the impression that the situation was rapidly getting to a point where drastic measures were necessary. He said he believed the best course for the people of the territories would be to petition the house to refuse to adjourn until the senate had voted on statehood.

Senator Sutherland, in a talk with your correspondent, said he believed both territories should be given statehood and that although personally he was opposed to the initiative and referendum, he would subordinate his personal views and vote to bring them in were it not for the recall of judiciary in the Arizona constitution; but that he could never vote for such a measure. He said he believed, however, that two or three strong speeches against the recall of the judiciary in the senate might convince Arizona that it was retarding their admission and perhaps they would voluntarily agree to eliminate it, or allow the Flood resolution to be amended so as to cut this provision out before granting statehood.

Socialist Lectures

On next Tuesday and Wednesday nights, July 11 and 12, Otto F. Branstetter of Oklahoma, will deliver two lectures in Estancia on Socialism Made Plain. Mr. Branstetter was a resident of the valley for some time, and is well known here. His reputation as a speaker warrants him a large audience. Everybody welcome.

Mrs. Fisher is Granted Divorce

Judge John R. McFie today signed a decree for absolute divorce in the case of Anna Mabel Fisher vs. Frederick T. Fisher on the ground of cruelty. Mrs. Fisher's maiden name, Anna Mable Easley, is restored, and certain real estate in Torrance county is decreed her. The testimony showed that she was compelled to endure the most fiendish cruelty during her brief married life. Fisher has left McIntosh, Torrance county. —New Mexican.

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Levy for all school districts in the county was fixed at 5 mills, except districts No. 7 and 28, which had voted 15 mills. The county levy is two mills less than last year and the territorial levy one mill less.

Will Save Backaches

Among the recent inventions for which patents have been issued by the United States government is a Potato Pick-up. Those who have in times past spent many a weary day with aching back in picking up the potatoes in the field, following the digger or plow, will hail this invention with delight. In describing the invention the Scientific American says:

An ingenious device for picking up potatoes which have been harvested by digging with the machine or by hand is shown in the accompanying engraving. It consists of a scoop attached to a handle and provided with a rake adapted to draw the potatoes into the scoop. The scoop comprises a mouthpiece and a basket. It is attached to the handle by means of a pair of links, and the rake is attached to the scoop by two links. When the device is supported by the handle it assumes an almost upright position, the scoop resting on the ground. On pressing the handle forward, the small rake attached, draws the potatoes, minus the dirt or earth over the mouthpiece into the scoop.

We have interviewed several of our business men on the subject of a county fair at the county seat just prior to the Territorial Fair at Albuquerque next October and without an exception those approached are in favor of the plan, and are ready to help push it along, and help pay the expenses. With this spirit among our people, the county fair will be a go, and a success. The Estancia Valley will make a creditable showing at Albuquerque next October and will carry off some of the prizes. Keep your eye on the Valley.

as the rains, the as it can be, and continue not only daily times a day. We have ing for moisture for a little at least.

Plow Before Planting

The fallacy of planting crops without plowing has been fully demonstrated this year and every farmer has been convinced that the plan is erroneous, but horse feed is a partial excuse for this system of farming. It has been held by some that by plowing we loose moisture; it has been proved this year that plowed land retained moisture longer than unplowed land and crops perished on the unplowed land while on the plowed land they kept on growing through the drouth of May and June.

The disc will not take the place of a plow. If a disc is of any value, it is on land that was plowed in the fall or winter before, not on land that was plowed one or two years before. It has also been demonstrated that deep plowing is essential and early plowing is the best to conserve moisture. People are learning the art of crop culture in this valley. —New Mexican Homeland.

Farmers Feel Thankful

Commencing Friday, June 30th, gentle rains have fallen like showers of gold upon the fields of the Great Estancia Plains; on the mountains; in the foot-hill; on the mesa and over the valley proper, until not a spot is untouched by providential rains. After two years of anxious waiting, the patient farmer is rewarded. It is a certainty that potatoes, beans and all other crops are now assured; and every farmer feels thankful, looks satisfied, and has an expression on his face of "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!" The moisture from above has met the moisture below. The ground is saturated; the pastures will be marvelous. These rains are indeed showers of money to the Estancia valley. —New Mexican Homeland.

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st. called but that. did not explain. ter to certain of his just how he would "lick 'em" but he must have had his plans laid far in advance. This may be statesmanship but it smacks loudly of the Quay brand, which gained notoriety a short time ago in the Keystone state. The delegate from New Mexico is holding onto his job as long as possible for he well knows, he will be relegated to the ash-heap when the voters get another chance at him.

Showers Continue

Another fine shower visited the Valley yesterday about noon. The heaviest rainfall was west of town, but Estancia had its share. The water came down in torrents for fifteen or twenty minutes and the streets are still full. With the showers every day the farmers are beginning to look around for additional ground to rent on which to stack their crops. The "Flying Dutchman" is worried over the fact that he can ride his motorcycle into town and then must leave it here several days before he is able to ride it home again. But Raymond will have to take his medicine like the rest. This is the farmer's inning.

J D Childers was in from the farm northwest of town last night to attend Odd Fellows lodge. He says they had a regular gullywasher out his way about noon. He has been sowing millet the past week, when the ground was in shape to work, but a large part of the time it was too wet. On account of having taken a forced vacation at the hot springs during the planting season to get rid of a attack of rheumatism, he did not get his ground planted, and is trying to make up for lost time now.